

Message

From: Dunton, Cheryl [Dunton.Cheryl@epa.gov]
Sent: 6/29/2021 2:54:35 PM
To: Pierce, Alison [Pierce.Alison@epa.gov]; Blair, Susanna [Blair.Susanna@epa.gov]; Schmit, Ryan [schmit.ryan@epa.gov]
Subject: FW: Congressional disclosure on fraud and corruption in OCSPP

More on this since I'm out after today

From: Siciliano, CarolAnn <Siciliano.CarolAnn@epa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, June 29, 2021 10:41 AM
To: Dunton, Cheryl <Dunton.Cheryl@epa.gov>; Keigwin, Richard <Keigwin.Richard@epa.gov>; Freedhoff, Michal <Freedhoff.Michal@epa.gov>
Cc: Hanley, Mary <Hanley.Mary@epa.gov>; Richmond, Jonah <Richmond.Jonah@epa.gov>; Hartman, Mark <Hartman.Mark@epa.gov>; Henry, Tala <Henry.Tala@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Congressional disclosure on fraud and corruption in OCSPP

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

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From: Dunton, Cheryl <Dunton.Cheryl@epa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, June 29, 2021 7:00 AM
To: Keigwin, Richard <Keigwin.Richard@epa.gov>; Freedhoff, Michal <Freedhoff.Michal@epa.gov>
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Got it – reworked a bit, see below. Then, if Carol Ann/Francesca have further insight on how the agency tends to publicly discuss any type of SI investigation we can always update.

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From: Keigwin, Richard <Keigwin.Richard@epa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, June 29, 2021 6:35 AM

To: Freedhoff, Michal <Freedhoff.Michal@epa.gov>

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I agree. Something along the lines of:

- we take the complaint seriously
- we are committed to scientific integrity throughout OCSPP and are working diligently to restore trust in our programs
- we will cooperate in any investigations that may occur

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Sent from my iPhone (Please excuse typos!)

On Jun 29, 2021, at 6:22 AM, Freedhoff, Michal <Freedhoff.Michal@epa.gov> wrote:

Thanks Cheryl

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Thanks

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On Jun 29, 2021, at 5:20 AM, Dunton, Cheryl <Dunton.Cheryl@epa.gov> wrote:

Got it, thanks. Agreed we can easily give some kind of response like this, see below

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Ex. 5 - Deliberative Process

From: Siciliano, CarolAnn <Siciliano.CarolAnn@epa.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 28, 2021 6:36 PM
To: Dunton, Cheryl <Dunton.Cheryl@epa.gov>
Cc: Freedhoff, Michal <Freedhoff.Michal@epa.gov>; Hanley, Mary <Hanley.Mary@epa.gov>; Richmond, Jonah <Richmond.Jonah@epa.gov>; Keigwin, Richard <Keigwin.Richard@epa.gov>; Hartman, Mark <Hartman.Mark@epa.gov>; Henry, Tala <Henry.Tala@epa.gov>
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Cheryl -- See PEER's letter to Representative Ro Khanna alleging scientific integrity violations at OCSPP. If asked, I believe we have a good response readily available from Michal -- i.e., that she

- affirms the importance of upholding scientific integrity in OCSPP -- *see, e.g., her March 10 email and the desk statement for the Dicamba OIG report.*

We could also add -- with Michal's permission -- that Michal

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From: Freedhoff, Michal <Freedhoff.Michal@epa.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 28, 2021 5:57 PM
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Begin forwarded message:

From: Timothy Whitehouse <twhitehouse@peer.org>
Date: June 28, 2021 at 5:54:36 PM EDT
To: "Freedhoff, Michal" <Freedhoff.Michal@epa.gov>
Cc: Kyla Bennett <KBennett@peer.org>
Subject: Congressional disclosure on fraud and corruption in OCSPP

Assistant Administrator Freedhoff:

Today, PEER filed a Congressional disclosure to Rep Khanna's office presenting evidence from four EPA scientists that we represent. The disclosure outlines disturbing evidence of fraud and corruption in OCSPP, involving deliberate tampering with chemical risk assessments conducted under TSCA, including PFAS, and the deletion of potential health effects without the knowledge or consent of the human health assessors.

We have also sent the information to the EPA IG. Attached you will find that disclosure.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and your willingness to address this issue.

Sincerely,

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